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December 5, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TEMPORARY CONTINUATION OF METRO BUS SERVICE LINE NO. 255
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the temporary continuation of Metro Bus Service Line No. 255 is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve the payment of up to \$100,000 to Metro for the continuation of Metro Bus Service Line No. 255 until February 28, 2007, using funds available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and execute an Agreement with Metro to provide for this service.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro plans to discontinue Metro Line No. 255 as part of its December 2006 service changes. Metro Line No. 255 provides a direct connection between East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital and County USC Medical Center.

Public Works has been working with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to implement a cooperatively financed replacement service. The LADOT has been approved by Metro to take over the service between the County USC Medical Center and Whittier Boulevard as a DASH service that operates on a 20-minute frequency. The cooperative financial Agreement between the County and the City will be executed in February 2007, at which time the new DASH service will commence.

Due to the lag time between the cancellation of Metro service and the implementation of the new DASH service, East Los Angeles residents could experience up to three months of service disruption. Metro estimates that it will cost approximately \$100,000 to continue the service for the additional three months to allow the City and County sufficient time to implement the DASH service. Your Board's action will allow for the temporary continuation of Metro Line No. 255 until the start of the DASH service.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by providing a seamless transition to a new transit service. This action will eliminate the service disruption to transit dependent seniors, persons with disabilities, students, and the general public currently using Metro Line No. 255.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The \$100,000 necessary to finance the cost of the temporary continuation of Metro Line No. 255 is available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the 2006-07 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed Agreement will provide for Metro to continue the existing service on Metro Line No. 255 and to invoice the County for the actual costs incurred in operating the service over the next three months, up to a maximum of \$100,000. The Agreement will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works, or his designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This service is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080 (b) (10) under transportation related projects.

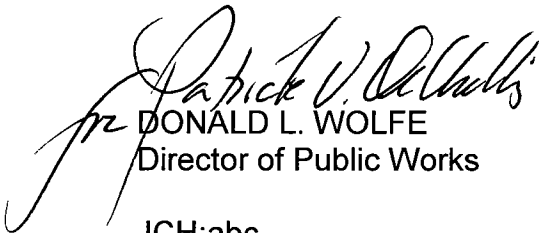
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The temporary continuation of Metro Line No. 255 will provide for a seamless transition to the new DASH service.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,



DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel